



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

March 12, 2026

March 12 Meeting:

Tasheka Garrett – Mental Health Director



Tasheka Garrett is an independent contractor, currently assisting SchoolSmartKC with a mental health pilot program. As the Mental Health Director, Tasheka and her team are working on servicing six charter schools in the Kansas City, Missouri area to make sure students have access to timely mental health services while attending school. She has partnered with several mental health agencies including Synergy, University Health, Sam Rodgers, SWOPE, Jewish Family Services, and Mattie Rhodes. She is working under a grant from the Children's Service Fund of Jackson County. With this pilot program, her goal is to secure funding for another three-year implementation period so she can expand services to include another charter school and make some improvements to the current structure of the program.



Click link below to launch Zoom

[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816

Passcode: Rotary

March Invocators:

3/12: Brad Moore, 3/19: Kirk Nelsen

March Greeters:

Carlos Vidas (Captain 3/12), Jonn Wullschleger (Captain 3/19), Kirt Yoder, Dave Anderson, Stephen Black

Last Week's Meeting

As a 15-year-old girl, Sammie Magee was inspired to create **Sammie's Toy Drive** for communities struck by tragedies affecting children and teens. Rotarians learned that, by delivering toys and game long after the news trucks have departed, Sammie offers comfort to these young people, knowing they have not been forgotten.



Guess This Rotarian

When she's not administering the affairs for the City of Leawood, this cutie is probably taking photos for the club or posting about our latest meeting. Who is she?



For the Goal – A Service Opportunity in Leawood

Happy New Year, Rotarians-

As we prepare to welcome people from around the globe to Kansas City, it will come as no surprise that the City of Leawood has a committee of busy volunteers and staff who are organizing many events. From Watch Parties to Business Readiness Grants, from a better-than-ever Celebration in the Park for America's 250th, to a **new** Independence Day parade on the morning of July 4, we are busy AND excited!

Our theme is "For the Goal" in honor of the soccer statue in City Park.

Rotarians Stephen Powell and I are enjoying our time on the executive committee and are very excited about the many things we've already accomplished.

So finally- the reason for this note: This spring, we are inviting Leawood community groups and individuals to help us pick up litter along some of our main corridors and intersections.

We've created the following SignUpGenius and I ask that you consider signing up AND sharing it with anyone who might be interested.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AB2CA7FD0-61376952-leawood>



We may add more dates and locations once these start to fill, so I'll probably share it again in early March. But I'd VERY MUCH appreciate it if you'd consider being an early-signer-upper!

Please let me or Stephen know if you have any questions.

With appreciation--

Lisa Harrison

913.522.5049

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

April 7:

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6-8 pm

Dine & Drink to benefit Polio Plus



Chicken N Pickle
5901 W 135th St.
Overland Park, KS 66223

April 11:

Gathering for Good Event - Lawrence, KS

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel – 200 McDonald Drive

You're invited *Back to the 60's* at Gathering for Good, a themed evening benefiting The Rotary Foundation!

Event Highlights:

- Live & silent auction (proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation and are credited to the winning member)
- Wine & Liquor Pull
- Trivia game
- Open bar with themed drinks
- 60's attire encouraged

Tickets are \$75 per person (covers event costs, no donation to the Foundation is included in ticket price).



Visit the [Event Site](#) to get your tickets today!

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April 30:

Fifth Thursday Social Event - Discover O.P.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

8001 Santa Fe Dr., Overland Park, KS

Save the Date!

Leawood Rotary Social Event

Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



- *Food & Beverages provided!*
- *See the newest attraction in Downtown O.P.!*
- *Details to come.*

Discover O.P. - 8001 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS

Service Project March 21



FLOURISH
A FURNITURE BANK

We are set to have a Community Service event at Flourish Furnishings in Grandview on Saturday morning, March 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have not been there before, please join us. They have many jobs from “shopping assistance”, furniture repair, electrical repair, linen sorting, household goods sorting, truck unloading, and much more. If you wish to attend the event, please email me ASAP as they limit our participation to only ten volunteers. Please plan on wearing your Rotary Work vest for a group picture early in the shift.

Please register online or at the event.: flourishfurniturebank.org

Chuck Sipple
Community Services Committee

Service Project April 14

We have scheduled a Service Day at Project Cure for Tuesday, April 14th from 1 -3:30pm. As far as I know, we will be doing our regular sorting and warehouse work, but we may have other things to do that day also.



We will meet at 12:30pm in the parking lot just east of the old/new UMB bank site at I-435 and State Line for those who wish to carpool. This is another great chance to do good and have some fun with your Rotarian friends.

For newer members, the Kansas City warehouse where we volunteer is in the Hunt Midwest Subtropolis (the caves) near Worlds of Fun. If you would like more information before volunteering, please contact me.

Please let me know if you can make it by emailing me at the email below. Also let me know if you plan on driving yourself and I will get you directions.

Thanks very much and let me know if you have any questions.

Rick Robinson
International Committee Project Cure Coordinator

rickrobinson.kc@gmail.com

International Committee Meets

The International Committee met on March 6, 2026, to discuss possibilities to serve and to create opportunities for young people in countries like Africa and El Salvador.

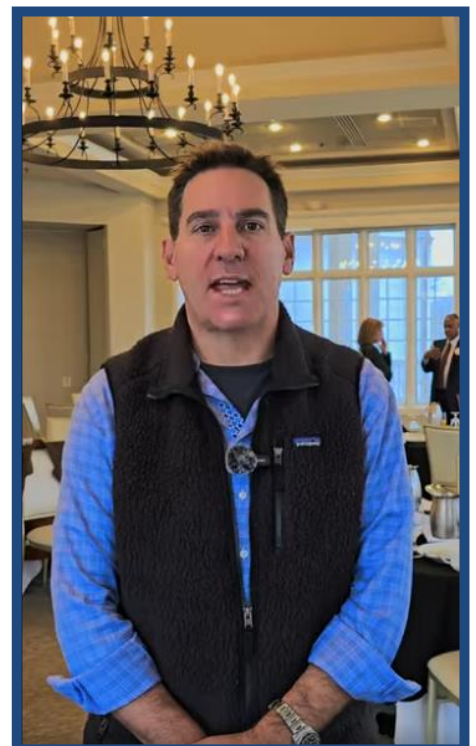


Member Moment

In our fifth installment of "Rotary Member Moment," we feature member Jonathan Freiden.

You can watch Jonathan's video on Facebook by clicking on the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/reel/1175412064488234/?s=single_unit



Leawood History:

Vintage Advertisements from the 30s & 40s



79th and High Drive

Drive South on Ward Parkway to 79th, Then West 5 Blocks

Only \$10.85 Per Foot

City Water Electricity Gas Paved Streets Concrete Curbs
City Telephone Bus Line No City Taxes Careful Restrictions Homes Association

New Brick Bungalow Now Open for Inspection

216 E.
10th St.

KROH BROS., INC.

Victor
9494

SEE A REAL SWEDISH KITCHEN

Modernized

To today's standard of living by the installation of a clean, cool Electric Range. Displayed in an old-world setting.



The brilliant colors of an old-world kitchen bring their quaint charm to the well designed kitchen in this Kroh-Built "Home of Permanence." The house itself is of brick, ideally located in beautiful Leawood district. See it today. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th St., then west 5 blocks to Lee Boulevard.

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508 Reliance Bldg.

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We have a new financial arrangement that is remarkably convenient. Here it is: Place your order now for the home you want; take occupancy when it is finished in the Spring; pay no carrying charges until August 1, 1939!

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216 E. 10th St.

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Half Acre

COLONIAL ESTATE

in Beautiful

LEAWOOD DISTRICT

Attractive stone bungalow amid surroundings usually found only at a much higher price; 100-foot frontage; rich soil; careful restrictions; homes association; adjoins Meadow Lake Golf course. See this exceptionally well built home today. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th St., then west five blocks to Lee Blvd. Address 8021 Lee Blvd.

Homesites Only \$10.85 Per Foot

THE ELECTRIC RANGE

Installed and on display offers the modern method of cooking—clean, economical and efficient—Foods taste better!

LIFETIME STONE HOME

Exceptionally sturdy construction is the keynote of this new Colonial bungalow, in the restricted "LEAWOOD" district; open today. Also see "LEAWOOD'S" choice homesites priced at only \$10.85 per ft.; drive south on Ward parkway to 79th st., then west 5 blocks to High drive. Kroh Bros., Realtors. VI. 9494.

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ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE \$6,885

See this substantial brick home in beautiful Leawood District. Complete in every detail down to the "Medieval Tap Room" in the basement. Inspect it today. Vacant tracts only \$11.85 per front foot. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th st., then west 5 blocks to Lee boulevard.

KROH BROS., Inc.

216 East Tenth Street VI. 9494



For Permanent Enjoyment

It is not by mere chance that so many fine families have built their homes in Leawood.

Large 100-foot sites, substantial brick and stone homes, curved streets, charming parks, all stamp Leawood as Kansas City's ideal residential location. Attractive homes open today. Sites at \$11.85 per foot. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th street, then west five blocks to Lee boulevard.

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8000 Lee Blvd. HL. 9494



GOOD TASTE IS PRICELESS

In "Leawood" discriminating families have found they can live inexpensively amid surroundings of priceless good taste. Large uncrowded lots, curved streets, attractive landscaped parks and well built homes of fine architectural design all combine to give an atmosphere of quality and stability that usually can be had only at high prices. An all brick Exhibition Home is open today. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th street, then west five blocks to Lee boulevard.

KROH BROS., Inc.

216 East Tenth Street VI. 9494



WHY NOT A SWIMMING POOL?

In Leawood the half-acre sites offer ample space for a secluded swimming pool, tennis court, formal garden, or what-you-will. See these spacious tracts at today's extremely low price, \$11.85 per foot. Substantial brick and stone homes open for inspection. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th st., then west 5 blocks to Lee boulevard.

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A BRITTANY HOME IN BRICK

Built on one of Leawood's beautiful 100-ft. hilltop sites, this sturdy home is designed to last 100 years. Unusually large recreation room; copper pipe; Johns-Manville insulation; Kohler plumbing. See this exceptional bargain today. Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th, then west 5 blocks to High Drive.

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8000 Lee Blvd.

HI. 9494

ADDS THIRTY ACRES.

Kroh Bros. have exercised their option to acquire thirty acres west of State line south of Eighty-third street from the O. G. Lee estate. This brings to ninety acres the Leawood district which the firm has been developing, mostly on the Lee farm. C. E. McLaughlin, realtor, arranged the sale.

First ad after Leawood becomes a city



KROH BROS., INC.

Drive south on Ward Parkway to 79th St., then west 5 blocks to LEAWOOD'S city limits.

8000 Lee Blvd.

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HAPPY LIVING

... is yours in LEAWOOD CITY. We believe that after you compare ALL the advantages of this INCORPORATED VILLAGE, and the outstanding ranch homes, you, too, will select LEAWOOD for HAPPY LIVING—where the value of your property increases with the years. Only \$19.85 per front foot, including sewer and all utilities.